

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Interestingly enough, Senator Schmit (sic), when this law was first written, it truly was written for the mechanical pinball game. Since that time those machines have become more sophisticated, and so they now are electronic, computer operated, with the video displays and so on. But it was this old language that is being used in dealing with video games. So we just simply modernized the language. But it is not designed to trick anything, trick anybody. Did I say Senator Schmit, I meant Senator Lamb. Obviously I'm tired.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Morehead on the motion to return.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Madam President and colleagues, I am going to support the motion to return, but I have a few comments to make before we go on from there. This is our yearly technical cleanup bill, and to adopt a 128 page amendment in a trust me fashion I think does a discredit to many, many people. I want to tell you that the General Affairs Committee has put in a lot of long, hard hours on a public hearing on 295. And for Senator Johnson to stand up and say, we don't really need any discussion on this issue, I think is really inappropriate because there are definite changes in this bill as it applies to pickles and bingo. And I can tell you that every one of the General Affairs Committee sat there and worked with all the special interest people to the best of their ability on this particular issue. I want to also thank the staff because our committee counsel, and Senator Johnson's committee counsel and legal people have worked under a great deal of stress just trying to get this amendment before us today. This is very important to Senator Johnson, but it was not important enough to be his priority bill to give us all the opportunity to discuss these issues in depth. Now Jane Grabenstein-Chandler has gone over this amendment to be sure that most of it concurs and goes along with what the General Affairs Committee previously agreed upon. I know that Senator Johnson's staff has worked hard, too. To handle it in this fashion, I think, really does a disservice to many members in this legislative body and to the staff. We find that the liquor laws in this state are a mess right now because they have been written by special interest people. And this is the same thing that is happening to the bingo and the pickle card laws. All of the special interest people are rushing in here at the last minute, and I include the Department of Revenue right along with those special interest people, running in here, putting pressure on Senator Johnson, because he wants this bill, on myself because we really want to cooperate. The Department of Revenue,